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I certify that the attached **Preliminary Amendment** for patent application of **Lineberry et al.**, S.N. 09/855,091 filed **May 14, 2001**, for **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PERFORMING ACQUISITION INTEGRATION**, (Attorney Docket No. 17207-00012) including:

- Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs., in duplicate)
- Preliminary Amendment (3 pgs.)
- Submission of Marked Up Paragraphs (2 pgs.)
- Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application Part 2 - Copy to be Returned with Response (2 pgs.)
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Applicant: Lineberry et al.

Serial No.: 09/855,091

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS  
FOR PERFORMING  
ACQUISITION  
INTEGRATION

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TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is:  
Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Marked Up Paragraphs

STATUS

2. Applicant  
☐ claims small entity status.  
☒ is other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ second month	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
_____ third month	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00
_____ fifth month	\$1,960.00	\$ 980.00

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

- (b)   X   Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$130 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a)   X   No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

- (b)        Total additional fee for claims required \$

## FEE PAYMENT

5.        Attached is a check in the sum of \$
- ✓   Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$130.00.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

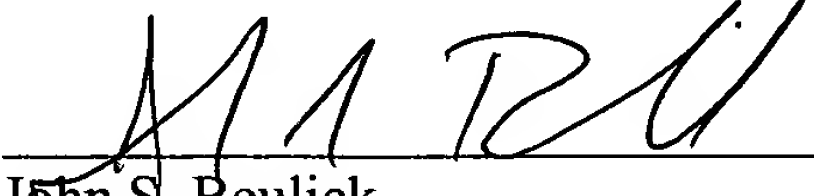
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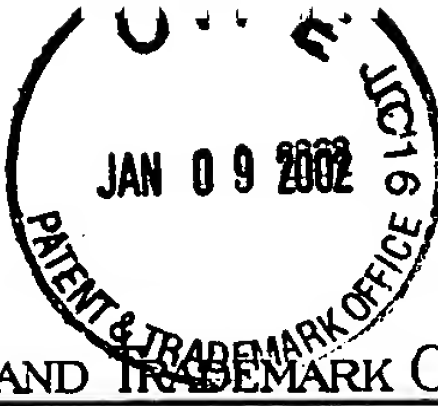
6.   ✓   If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ✓   If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7.        Other:

  
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## NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 81 described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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